

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 628

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend McPheeter's Bend Elementary School for being named a Reward School for 2013.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body pay tribute to those public schools in Tennessee that, through the natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence evidenced by their administration, faculty, staff, students, and parents, have achieved significant milestones; and

WHEREAS, McPheeter's Bend Elementary School is one such school that was recently honored as a Reward School under Tennessee's new education accountability system; and

WHEREAS, under Tennessee's approved waiver from the federal No Child Left Behind Act, Reward Schools represent the top five percent of schools based on student performance or progress; and

WHEREAS, McPheeter's Bend Elementary School achieved the award in 2013 for progress in the value-added growth category; and

WHEREAS, McPheeter's Bend Elementary School has also been recognized for its academic gains by the State Collaborative on Reforming Education (SCORE) and selected as a finalist for a SCORE prize, which is awarded annually to one elementary, middle, and high school for dramatic improvement in student achievement; and

WHEREAS, ably led by Principal Renee Bernard, the faculty and staff of McPheeter's Bend Elementary School have built an environment that ensures students have the very best atmosphere for learning; and

WHEREAS, McPheeter's Bend Elementary School's honor as a Reward School is a tremendous source of pride for the administration, teachers, students, and parents of the community; and

WHEREAS, the dedication to academic excellence demonstrated by all the fine individuals affiliated with McPheeter's Bend Elementary School is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate McPheeter's Bend Elementary School on being named a Reward School and a SCORE prize finalist, and salute Principal Renee Bernard, the school's administration, faculty, staff, students, and parents on these prestigious honors, and extend to them our best wishes for continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.